

Summary of Changes to the RCRAInfo File Specification Guide: 1999 Hazardous Waste Report Submissions, Version 1.1.0

The Information Management Branch in the Office of Solid Waste is pleased to announce the release of the **Final** version of the File Specification Guide for 1999 Hazardous Waste Report Submissions, Version 1.1.0. This Guide replaces version 1.0.0, which has been available since February 1999. All other versions of the Guide are obsolete (including all versions associated with the Biennial Reporting System (BRS) computer system) and should not be used. The Version 1.1.0 Guide should be used by all software vendors and implementers when preparing their 1999 Biennial Hazardous Waste Report submissions. This Guide will not change for the remainder of the 1999 Biennial Report cycle unless a substantive error is detected at a later date. Please note that this Guide is not a complete description of the entire Biennial Report process. The complete Biennial Report process (including forms development, data quality, report preparation, etc.) is detailed in other documents. This Guide is devoted only to the File Specifications for data submissions and associated minimum data quality standards.

Several important changes to Version 1.1.0 of the File Specification Guide are listed below:

1. The description of the EPA ID Check Digit routine in Appendix F has been corrected for those EPA IDs that have 0-9 as the third digit of the EPA ID.
2. The reference to Edit 4000 in file specification S1 has been removed. This is because this edit is no longer applicable (delete records no longer need to be provided).
3. The reference to Edit 1210 in file specification G1 has been removed. This is because Edit 1210 has been replaced by Edit 1203 (which was correctly described in the version 1.0.0 File Specification Guide).
4. The reference to Edit 1301 in file specification R1 has been changed to reference Edit 1201. This was done to correct a typographic error.
5. The reference to Edit 1361 in file specification R1 has been removed. This is because Edit 1361 has been replaced by Edit 1307 (which was correctly described in the version 1.0.0 File Specification Guide).
6. The "Logic to Select Errors" for Edit 1307 was corrected to agree with the Edit Description.
7. The edit description for Edit 4012 was expanded to include the sentence "All files mentioned in the control file must be present in the data submission and must contain one or more records with valid data."
8. Edit 4014 was added to help ensure data integrity by not allowing blank waste descriptions records, waste comments records, Form IC comments records, and state waste codes records to be present in the data submission.
9. Edit 4015 was added to establish an error number for records that are incorrectly formatted.

If you have any questions on Version 1.1.0 File Specification Guide, contact the RCRAInfo Helpdesk at rcrainfo.help@epa.gov.

